



RYDE

TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RYDE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7PM ON 29 MARCH 2017 IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, 10 LIND STREET, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

PRESENT: Councillors Roi Milburn (Chairman), Adrian Axford, Conrad Gauntlett, Malcolm Ross, Tim Wakeley, David Woodward

IN ATTENDANCE: Gareth Hughes (Responsible Financial Officer) Liz Dutton (Administration Officer)

Two 2 members of the public were present.

Prior to the meeting the Chairman reminded members the pre-election period had commenced and therefore there would be no public or members' question time.

26/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Adams.

27/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Woodward declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 31/17 (h) as a member of Ryde Historic Society.

Cllr Wakeley declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 31/17 (b) as a member of Vectis Boating and Fishing Club.

28/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2017 be approved as an accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.

29/17 NETWORK RYDE

Members received a briefing paper which outlined procurement options for the delivery of necessary works, supplies and services required to enable identified premises to be used as an Internet Café/ Youth Centre. The Committee noted that it had been reported at the Council meeting on the 6 February that £100,000 had been identified within the Council's budget to support the project.

The Committee noted the report and in particular the following: That further consultation would need to be undertaken with relevant stakeholders to enable a detailed specification for all works to be finalised to allow timely procurement processes to be followed, and that this would be led by the appointed Senior Youth Officer, and Councils Planning Officer under the direction of the Clerks. Regular progress reports would be given to the General Purposes Working Party, who would in turn report to Full Council.

That any approvals to enable procurement processes to be undertaken which were over the delegated authority of the Clerks would be first approved by the Full Council, or delegated Council Committee in accordance with the Councils Standing Orders.

That the Clerks would commence the procurement process of any relevant goods, services, and works that could be undertaken in accordance with their delegated powers, and in accordance with the Councils CSO's, and where appropriate make use of existing contract arrangements where they exist and where allowed for under the CSO's.

30/17 MARKETING GRANT IW PRIDE

The Committee considered a letter that had been received from IW Pride concerning the marketing grant awarded by the Committee on the 30 November 2016. IW Pride had now devised a schedule specifying the level of exposure that certain amounts of funding would attract and now sought confirmation that this would satisfy the grant condition to acknowledge the town councils support in event marketing and promotional material. After discussion the Committee

RESOLVED:

That the grant conditions would be met.

31/17 MARKETING GRANT APPLICATIONS

Prior to consideration of the following grant applications the Chairman reminded the Committee of the available budget.

(a) Ryde Business Association – Autumn at Appley

Consideration was given to a grant application to hold art based projects in and around Appley Park.

RESOLVED:

That a marketing grant of £70 be made for advertising costs including flyers and posters.

(b) Vectis Boating and Fishing Club – Junior Fishing Frenzy

The Committee considered a grant application to hold a junior fishing competition

RESOLVED:

That a marketing grant of £300 be awarded

(c) IW Pride - Parade

Consideration was given to an application for a grant from IW Pride for a parade to begin the day of events. After discussion the Committee concluded that as a marketing grant of £500 had already awarded to IW Pride in the previous round of marketing grants, they would not award a further grant on this occasion. Members also noted no evidence of other partnership funding had been supplied.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a marketing grant be refused.

(d) Ryde Business Association – Christmas in Ryde Festival of Light

The Committee considered an application for a Christmas lantern parade. After discussion it was agreed to award a grant for the advertising and promotion of the event costing £150.

RESOLVED:

That a marketing grant of £150 be awarded.

(e) The Isle of Wight Red Squirrel Trust – Reds in Ryde

Consideration was given to an application to provide red squirrel walks in and around Ryde. Members noted the level of income received through donations.

RESOLVED:

That a marketing grant of £200 be awarded.

(f) Armed Forces Day Committee – Armed Forces Day

The Committee considered the application and acknowledged the large number of visitors the event attracted to Ryde.

RESOLVED:

That a marketing grant of £1,000 be awarded.

(g) Harp on Wight – Harp on Wight Festival 2017

Consideration was given to the application to hold a six-day event celebrating the harp.

RESOLVED:

That a marketing grant of £1,200 be awarded.

(h) Historic Ryde Society

(At this stage Cllr Gauntlet declared a non-pecuniary interest as the applicant's literature contained an advertisement for his business).

Consideration was given to the application to fund printing and distribution of flyers for the Ryde District Heritage Centre.

RESOLVED:

That a marketing grant of £1,000 be awarded.

(i) Isle of Wight Beach Soccer

The Committee considered the application for a grant to hold sports events on Appley beach. Members were supportive of the application but noted that all equipment should be cleared from the site as soon as is practical after the event so the beach could be returned to its normal use.

RESOLVED:

That a marketing grant of £1,000 be awarded.

(j) The World Village Project Limited- Aspire Festival of New Empowering Music

Consideration was given to an application for a grant to hold a multi arts festival based in Ryde featuring live and recorded music, visual arts and spoken word. Members noted that the letter supplied showing other grant funding did not refer to planned events taking place in Ryde, that there was a lack of clarity and explanation over the proposed event together with a

lack financial records and evidence of secured partnership funding for the specific planned event in Ryde.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a marketing grant be refused.

(k) Ryde Shopwatch – Ryde’s Victorian Christmas

Consideration was given to an application for a grant for a three-day event to celebrate Ryde’s Victorian heritage. However, the Committee concluded that the application did not meet the requirements of the criteria as no accounts had been supplied and the definition and objectives of Shopwatch were unclear as no constitution or set of rules of the organisation had been provided.

During the course of discussion Members suggested that the timetable for considering grants should be reconsidered by the new Council with perhaps bringing forward the next round of marketing grants from October to September.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a marketing grant be refused.

(l) Rotary Club of Ryde – Fireworks Extravaganza

Consideration was given to an application for a grant from the Rotary Club of Ryde for a Fireworks Extravaganza. The Committee was supportive of the event itself but expressed concerns over whether permission had been granted to hire and hold the event on the proposed site.

RESOLVED:

That a marketing grant of £1,000 be awarded on condition that the written confirmation was received that permission to hire the land and hold the event had been granted.

(m) Ryde Carnival Association – Ryde Carnival Week

(At this stage Cllr Ross declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of Ryde Carnival Association)

Consideration was given to the application for a grant from Ryde Carnival Association. Members noted that a grant had been awarded to the applicant in November 2016.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL:

That a marketing grant award of £2800 to the Ryde Carnival Association towards the marketing of 2017 Ryde Carnivals be approved.

32/17 LETTERS OF THANKS

Following the approval of ward allocations, the Committee were pleased to note that letters of thanks that had been received from Isle of Wight Street Pastors, Ryde Rowing Club, Isle of Wight Music, Dance and Drama Festival, Alzheimer Café and the Phoenix Project.

33/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on Wednesday 26 April 2017.

CHAIRMAN

DATE